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The Santa Monica Mountains North Area is the unincorporated portion of the Santa Monica Mountains more than five miles from the coastline, and west of the City of Los Angeles, encompassing approximately 32 square miles.

The Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan (North Area Plan) was adopted on October 24, 2000. At the time of its adoption, the North Area Plan was considered cutting edge with many new environmental protections previously unheard-of in the county. With the recent certification of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP), which affects the area within five miles of the coastline, it has become apparent that we need comprehensive revisions to the North Area Plan to ensure that land use regulations and environmental protections are applied consistently and efficiently across these two very similar areas. Additionally, there are a number of existing North Area Plan policies that have yet to be implemented in the accompanying Community Standards District (CSD) ordinance, including development standards for signs, vegetation management, and water resources protection.

The Department of Regional Planning is proposing a comprehensive update to

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the North Area Plan, to address additional concerns that have developed over time, as well as to strengthen existing policies to ensure the continued protection of environmental resources and the region's rural and semi-rural lifestyle. The department would also make corresponding changes to the accompanying Community Standards District in order to implement the updated North Area Plan policies.

The Department of Regional Planning can complete the North Area Plan update with existing staff resources, but estimates a need of approximately \$650,000 for a Biologist, an Environmental Impact Report, outreach and related services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Officer, during the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Supplemental Changes Budget, to submit a report-back that provides an evaluation of and funding recommendations on the Department of Regional Planning's proposal to update the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan.